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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR THE TREATMENT OF SOOT-LADEN WATER

the specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto.
- ☒ was filed as United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/039,829 on October 19, 2001, and was amended on [] (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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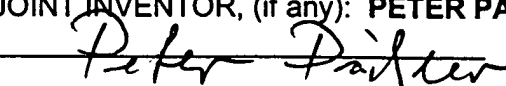
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